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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

August 31, 1979

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
Of the City of Alameda
Alameda, California

Subject: Alameda County Solid Waste Management
Authority - Planning, Administration
and the Financing Alternatives

Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The Alameda County Solid Waste Management Authority, of which the City of Alameda is a member, with Mayor Corica and Vice Mayor Stone, the City's delegate and alternate, respectively, will be considering at its September 13th meeting, a background paper entitled "Solid Waste Management: Planning, Administration and Financing Alternatives." This paper was prepared by the Alameda County Planning Department and is designed to explore the important issues which will shape the direction in which the Authority will be proceeding in the years to come. Basically, the Board desires to have each City Council take a position on these issues for discussion on the 13th.

While the background paper is designed to focus on issues and lend clarity to the situation, it does so in a most superficial way. To begin with on page 1, it states:

"The basic question before cities, districts and the county is whether the County Solid Waste Management Authority is to have a plan and be the lead implementing agency, or whether the Authority reviews and approves each facility as it is presented, either finding conformance with the plan or amending the plan to enable approval."

This statement ignores the ability of the Authority to disapprove a project for non-conformance with the overall county plan, or to partially approve a proposal by a locality, requiring it to be modified to conform with the overall county plan.

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Further, in a "summary of issues," also on page 1, Issue #1 is listed as "the merits of a strong Alameda County Solid Waste Management Authority versus strong local entities and a weak Authority." This is further discussed on page 9, where Plans A and A-1 are summarized which would be tied to a so-called "weak" Authority and Plans B and B-1 which would be linked to a so-called "strong" Authority. Plan A-1 would provide no authority to the county-wide Board with the cities presumably going on their own. Plan A would provide authority for the county-wide agency to review the plans of local entities for conformance with the overall county plan. Plan B would provide that each jurisdiction would be responsible for its own collection of garbage, but that the county-wide organization would be responsible for rate setting, determination that all facility plans are in conformance with the county-wide plan and to ensure that all facilities are implemented. Plan B-1 would provide that the county-wide organization would "finance, acquire lands, construct and operate facilities." In short, it would become a utility.

The statement that this is an issue between having a strong versus a weak authority interposes a questionable value judgment. In so doing, it masks the real issue, which is whether or not the county-wide organization is essentially going to be a regulatory body, or whether it will become a utility.

If, in fact, that is the issue being decided at this time by the various jurisdictions making up the Solid Waste Management Authority, the City of Alameda should be concerned indeed about the implications of this proposal. If the county-wide agency plans to become a utility, implementing all facets of a county-wide solid waste system, then they would be in a position of controlling the planning, financing, implementation and operation of the proposed solid waste-fired electric generating station which the City of Alameda currently is studying.

There are two potential problems with this. First, it is extremely doubtful that the citizens of Alameda would support a county-wide body implementing and operating a facility which could have a major impact on the community. Second, it is extremely doubtful that the Solid Waste Management Authority could start from scratch and generate the financial support, staff expertise and credibility on the bond market to implement a county-wide system that would include electric generation.

Some officials in the county may feel that the city's experience with the "super sewer project" (\$140,000,000) would qualify them for such an undertaking. However, a county-wide disposal system for garbage, including production of electricity, RDF, recovery of resources and the like, would be substantially more expensive and much more financially complex than the super sewer project.

This whole issue concerning the direction to be taken by the county-wide agency, stems from the agency's existing plan which contains a conflict (referred to as Conflict #6) which is discussed on pages 4-7 of the attached background paper. The Authority's consultant, Brown & Caldwell, recommends that the conflict be resolved by a new policy statement which reads (see page 6):

"Participation in the county system shall not result in economic penalties to individual jurisdictions. Economic benefits from the county system shall be distributed among all participating agencies based on a proportion of solid waste tonnage."

This policy proposal would kill the proposed solid waste-fired electric generating plan now under study. This is because, if the City constructed the plant and its economic benefit was based solely on a proportion of its solid waste tonnage, this would be totally inadequate to justify an investment in excess of \$100 million dollars. If the agency constructed and operated the plant, and if the City's economic benefit of purchased power from the plant were based only on its relative proportion of solid waste tonnage, it would not be to the City's economic benefit. If the City was unwilling to participate in the program as a customer for the electricity and was more interested in applying its electric rate resources to other electric generating projects, such as the Northern California Power Association's geysers project in Lake County, it is extremely unlikely that the Authority could sell its electricity at as favorable a price as it could to the City of Alameda. As a result, the economic viability of the plant probably would be inadequate to enable the county-wide agency to sell bonds to finance this very capital intensive project.

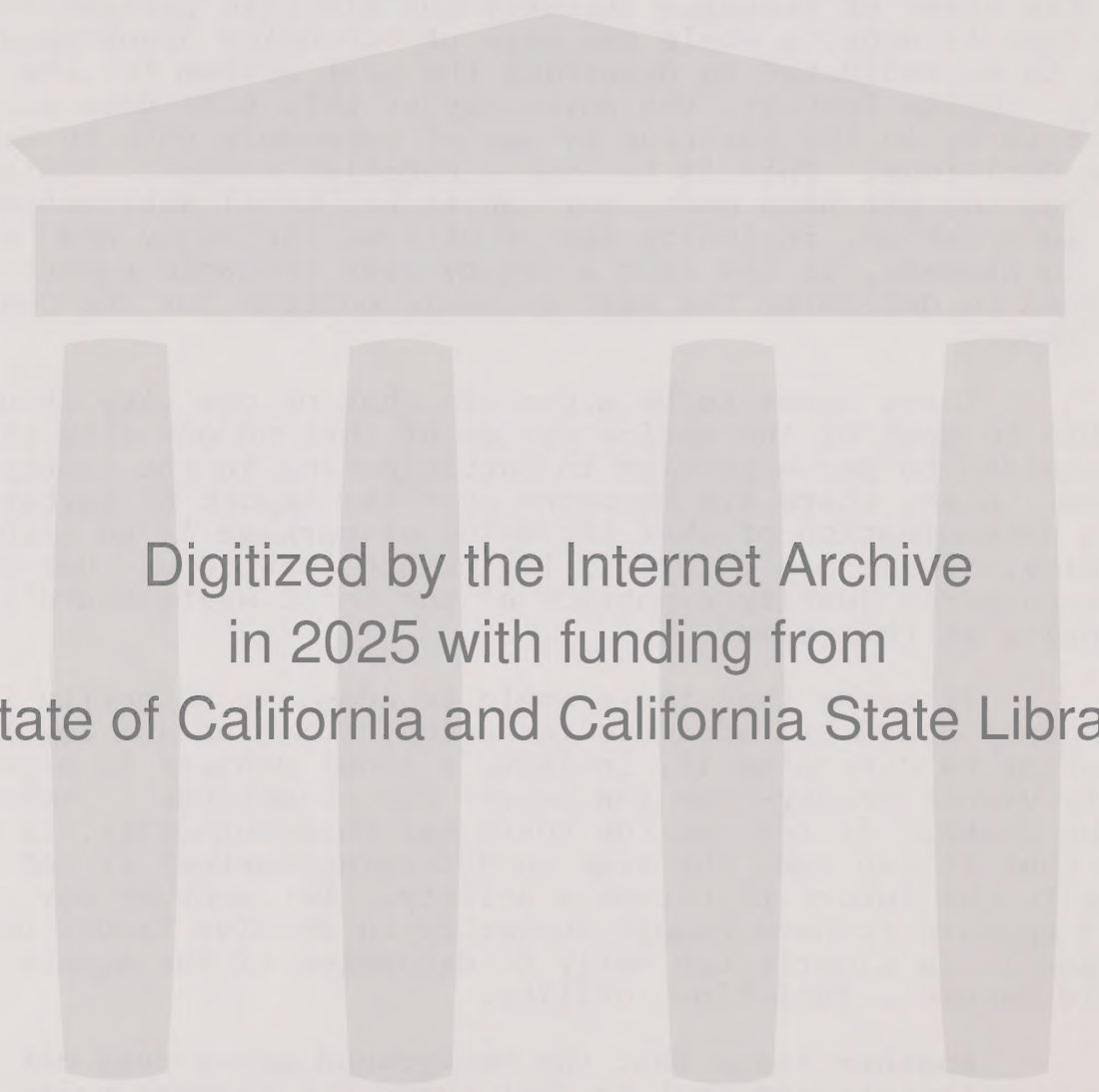
The problem with the proposed language is that it attempts to distribute benefit based on the proportion of solid waste tonnage and does not take into account varying degrees of investment risk that would be taken by certain public agencies, such as the City of Alameda. Also, this policy statement does not really reflect an understanding of the complicated

economic dynamics that are involved in implementing any county-wide system that goes beyond transfer stations and landfill into the areas of resource recovery and electric generation. When that is done, a whole new area of economics opens up and needs to be evaluated to determine the best system for the county. Quite frankly, the Authority at this time does not appear to be in the position by way of necessary data to make those decisions. This is because a detailed economic evaluation has not yet been made, nor can it be, until substantially more information, including the results of the study now being made in Alameda, is fed into a county-wide economic equation designed to determine the best economic outcome for the county as a whole.

There seems to be a concern that no one city should be able to control the entire system or that no one city should be required to pay a premium in participating in the county-wide system. Also, there are concerns over the import of garbage and a determination of what the value of garbage is to each locality. These are certainly legitimate questions. But do these concerns justify expansion of the Solid Waste Board's authority at this time?

It seems that there would be adequate authority if the Agency Board has adequate reviewing, planning and regulatory authority to determine if, in fact, a local project is economically viable county-wide and serves the objectives mandated by the State. As long as the Board has that authority, it would seem that it can take the time to determine whether or not it needs in the future to become a utility. Put another way, the Board appears to have enough authority to resolve issues before it, and it is clearly too early to determine if the agency should become a full-blown utility.

Another issue that the background paper does not clearly delineate and that is that there are garbage collection disposal systems. The problem with the "utility" option as opposed to "regulatory" option is that under the "utility" option the county agency would be in a position to determine and possibly collect garbage rates, which is related to service levels provided in individual communities. These service levels, including capital projects, may vary from community-to-community. For example, one city may not be confronted with the expense of closing a garbage dump site, while another



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one may. This means that the city with the major capital cost yet to be paid should be quite concerned if their rate structure is set by a county agency at a rate which may be inadequate to fund the dump closure project. The other option would be for the county-wide agency, as the "utility" to assume the costs for closing that dump, which means that finances from other cities presumably would be utilized to pay for this project. A question may be raised whether or not other jurisdictions would wish to participate in a capital project in which they have no direct benefit.

A description of the advantages of Plans A, A-1, B and B-1 on pages 10-12 leaves one somewhat confused. For example, a stated advantage for Plan A is the "possibility of less environmental damage to smaller sites and smaller traffic volumes if many smaller facilities were constructed." Under Plan B an advantage is the "possibility of less environmental damage because of fewer sites." Not only do these statements seem inconsistent, but they do not seem to recognize that we are talking about different types of garbage disposal processing, from landfill to resource recovery to possible electric generation, each with different impacts on the environment.

Some of the advantages for Plan B also seem to apply to Plan A, although that may be because of the general wording of the advantages for all of the plans. In fact, they are so general that they do not really get at the major issues described above.

In conclusion, it would seem the best approach would be for the Authority to refine its role as a regulatory agency governing the Solid Waste Management Plan of the County as opposed to becoming a utility. To assist the Authority in this role, a much more detailed analysis needs to be made of the economic equation of the county-wide system. This is necessary in order to more fully understand the economic inter-relationships between landfill, resource recovery and electric distribution.

It may be argued that there is a great amount of speculation that would be involved in projecting such costs and revenues, but on the other hand there is a great deal of knowledge that is available as evidenced by Alameda's solid waste-fired electric generating plan study, plus other studies

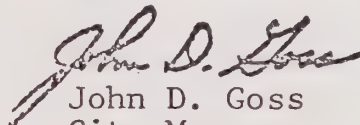
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which have been done across the country, that could greatly assist the Board in its future deliberations. The decision of whether or not the Authority should go in the direction of becoming a utility, or in any way construct and operate a solid waste management system that could easily cost \$500,000,000 or more, is one which should not be made with inadequate information and without thorough analysis. Making a commitment toward becoming a utility in any form is undoubtedly premature at this time.

A representative from the County Planning Department will be in attendance at your meeting to discuss the development of the plan up to this point. Also, Mayor Corica has been intimately involved with the development of this plan since its beginning stages and obviously will have valuable input in terms of the final decision you will reach. It is recommended that, subject to your discussion, a regulatory, rather than a utility role for the Authority be pursued at this time along the lines discussed in this report.

Respectfully submitted,


John D. Goss
City Manager

JDG:jf
Attachment

cc: William Fraley, County Planning
Jack Shepard, Bureau of Electricity

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ALAMEDA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Auditorium of the Alameda County Public Works Building
399 Elmhurst Street
Hayward, California

July 12, 1979 -- 5:30 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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Chairman Vargas called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.

CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
CITY OF ALAMEDA

2. ROLL CALL

Jurisdiction

Member

Alameda County	Valerie Raymond (arrived at 6:06)
City of Alameda	C. J. Corica
City of Berkeley	Shirley Dean
City of Fremont	Yosh Fujiwara
City of Hayward	Nick Randall
City of Livermore	Glen Dahlbacka
City of Newark	Jerry Foster
City of San Leandro	L. N. Landis
City of Union City	Tom Kitayama
Castro Valley Sanitary District	Art Vargas
Oro Loma Sanitary District	Culver Lewis
Dublin-San Ramon Services District	Lila Euler

The presence of a quorum was established.

Staff Present:

Betty Croly, Assistant Planning Director
Dick Pantages, Office of Solid Waste Management

Others Present:

Pat Maroney, Brown & Caldwell
Doug Lockwood, State Solid Waste Management Board
B. Robert Harper, State Solid Waste Management Board

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Vargas requested Betty Croly to introduce Bruce Davis, a Senior Mechanical Engineering Student from UC, Berkeley, who will be working on the data collection for the County Solid Waste Management Plan this summer.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 1979.

IT WAS MOVED (Corica), SECONDED (Euler), AND CARRIED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 14, 1979, BE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED. (Foster Abstained)

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

THE NOMINATION AND VOTE BY ACCLAMATION OF SHIRLEY DEAN AS PRESIDENT WAS MOVED (Landis), SECONDED (Randall), AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE NOMINATION AND VOTE BY ACCLAMATION OF NICK RANDALL AS FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT WAS MOVED (Dean), SECONDED (Landis), AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE NOMINATION AND VOTE BY ACCLAMATION OF GLEN DAHLBACKA AS SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT WAS MOVED (Randall), SECONDED (Landis), AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Landis), SECONDED (Randall), AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THAT BILL FRALEY BE APPOINTED SECRETARY.

Chairman Vargas thanked the Board for their support during the last year, especially their attendance. He then turned the gavel over to Ms. Dean.

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THAT ART VARGAS BE COMMENDED FOR HIS SERVICE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD FOR THE LAST YEAR.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6a. Plan Review Report - Authority Committee and Consultant

President Dean asked Betty Croly to report on the Committee activities. She reported that the Committee had met twice since the last Board meeting to discuss conflicts #5 & 6, and the relationship of the State Solid Waste Management Board to this Authority, and the Authority's relationship to its member jurisdictions. She said that the Committee had determined that there are two major issues:

1. What is the role of the Authority to be? Will it be a strong Authority or will it let each of the member jurisdictions handle solid waste management in that jurisdiction?
2. What direction is to be given to the Consultant, Brown & Caldwell? Shall they develop a model facilities plan which is not site-specific, or shall they develop a site-specific plan, including those facilities and projects which they are aware of at this time?

Mr. Landis expressed the opinion that, relative to the directions to be given to the Consultant, they should, for planning purposes, provide a detailed facilities plan which needs to set aside local options and develop a regional plan, which would be optimal in an economic and practical way up to the year 2020 including resource recovery, conditioned upon economics and the state of the art. He emphasized that the Authority has not met the timetables in the contract with the Consultant. Relative to the direction the Authority itself should take, Mr. Landis expressed the opinion that the Authority, as we know it today, would cease to exist if the Authority does not take a strong role. He feels that the Authority should take a strong role, including getting involved in the rate structure, which should be sub-regional, around a transfer station and resource recovery facility.

Valerie Raymond arrived at 6:06.

President Dean advised the Board that the option just expressed by Mr. Landis, that of a strong Authority role in solid waste management, would be known as Plan B. Plan A would be more like the plan as it currently exists, where local option is retained, and the role of the Authority is weaker.

Mr. Fujiwara expressed the opinion that it is important to give directions to the Consultant as soon as possible.

Mr. Corica said that he felt that the Board, at last month's meeting, had resolved conflicts #5 & 6 by their action, and that he felt that it was unnecessary to re-discuss this item.

Mr. Randall stated that he was not sure that the conflicts had, in fact, been resolved last month. He stated that it is time to make a decision. He felt that the two positions, Plan A and Plan B, were now clearly presented so that he can take this matter back to his City Council for discussion and decision. He personally feels that the Authority is supposed to develop a regional plan with teeth in it which will benefit all the County's rate-payers as much as possible. He will recommend Plan B to his City Council.

President Dean stated that the Staff will prepare a paper which will spell out Plans A and B and send it to each Board member and City/District manager, so that the policy decision as to which plan should be followed can be resolved.

Mr. Dahlbacka asked the President exactly what Plan A is. She responded that it would be the opposite of Plan B -- home rule would be retained, there would be no interference with local rate-setting and collection practices, and the Authority would have less power and a smaller staff.

Mr. Dahlbacka said he felt that the Authority should not own or manage any facilities, but should determine conformance of any facility. He feels that the Authority should control the waste stream.

Mr. Landis stated that the Authority needs only to think about the building, financing, and managing of facilities, and the decisions do not have to be made right away.

President Dean stated that the Staff had advised that inclusion of a facility in the Plan would have to include a guaranteed waste stream for that facility.

Mr. Landis again encouraged action, because delay is unfair to sister jurisdictions. He raised the question of what the Authority would do if the Oakland Scavenger Company comes in with a detailed resource recovery plan in 90 days, pursuant to the Authority's direction to them to proceed with resource recovery.

There was a discussion as to what the effect of each plan is upon local franchise fees and upon delivery of RDF to the City of Alameda.

Mr. Lewis asked how much the Oakland Scavenger Company borrowed based upon the 25-year contracts, for the Davis Street Transfer Station. Mr. Proto replied that they borrowed \$22,350,000 based largely upon the contracts.

Mr. Foster left at 6:34.

President Dean indicated that Staff should consider options and variations available under either Plan A or Plan B.

Mr. Dahlbacka, Mr. Landis, and Ms. Raymond stated that giving the Authority the power to direct the waste after it has gone through the transfer station may be the only way to guarantee an RDF supply for Alameda, and thereby help guarantee its financing.

President Dean called on Pat Maroney to comment upon the discussion. He stated that the resolution of the conflict relative to the role of the Authority is a key point. Without resolution of that problem, the facilities plan may not be of much use to the Authority. He stated that any plan must consider those projects that are currently on the board. The medium- and long-term facilities plan that they developed last year was done under a direction to develop the most cost effective system, disregarding political boundaries. If the Authority chooses Plan A and chooses not to direct which facilities should be incorporated in the plan, then the plan will look very much like the one which was completed last year. There would be no timetable or site-specific analysis. The alternative would be a 'specific facilities plan, which would be site-specific, and would include an implementation schedule, and would be more detailed. The direction that the Consultant is looking for would, hopefully, include the concerns of all the jurisdictions as to the non-economic considerations that are important. If the local agencies are going to control the facilities, then there is not much needed in the plan beyond what is presently there. A facilities plan can be developed for either alternative -- Plan A or Plan B.

Mr. Landis discussed further the rates and revenue issues -- franchise fees, tipping fees, rates.

Mr. Randall suggested that this item be continued until the September Board meeting. Mr. Maroney said that they have essentially shut down their operations on the Plan until this conflict is resolved.

Mr. Landis pointed out that Bill Fraley had made a detailed presentation at the last City Manager's meeting regarding this problem.

Betty Croly requested that Doug Lockwood, of the State Solid Waste Management Board, be allowed to comment. Mr. Lockwood stated that State law requires that facilities which receive funding from the State must have their waste stream guaranteed in the County Solid Waste Management Plan. The Alameda Bureau of Electricity plan has received funds from the State and would have to have the waste stream guaranteed in the County Plan. It appears to him that Plan B may provide for this better than Plan A.

Paul Tong, Assistant City Manager of Newark, requested that variations of Plans A and B be presented, so that there aren't just two polarized positions. President Dean requested Staff to include the variations.

Mae Rose Evans, City of Alameda Bureau of Electricity, pointed out that they are studying the cost-effectiveness of RDF prepared by Oakland Scavenger Co, versus RDF prepared by the City of Alameda Bureau of Electricity. She further pointed out that the price of RDF would always be negotiated between the buyer and the seller so that a fair price is paid and received.

Ron Proto wanted to know if there was going to be public input in the determination of whether the Authority will choose Plan A or Plan B. He was advised that the input could best be made at each individual jurisdiction, with public input also at the Authority level. President Dean requested Miss Croly to make a copy of the Staff report available to the Oakland Scavenger Co. before it went to the cities and districts.

Mr. Landis asked Mr. Proto to tell the Authority when they would be before the Board with their resource recovery plan. He replied that it would be this October. At that time, they hope to have at least three alternatives to present to the Authority.

Bob Harper, of the State Solid Waste Management Board, addressed the Board, reminding them to consider all the facts in order to make their Plan A - Plan B decision.

It was decided that Staff would have the Plan A - Plan B Report out by August 13, 1979. The discussion of positions reached by the individual entities would be an agenda item at the September 13, 1979, meeting. Mr. Vargas asked that the District managers be included.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7a. Assessments for Fiscal Year 1979-80

Betty Croly advised the Board that they had approved a two-year spending program last year, when they adopted the 1978-79 budget. She stated that approval be given for sending out invoices to the member jurisdictions for the same amount as last year, which would produce a total revenue of \$80,000, but adoption of the budget would require a resolution.

IT WAS MOVED (Vargas), SECONDED (Kitayama), AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THAT INVOICES BE SENT TO MEMBER JURISDICTIONS FOR THE SAME AMOUNT AS LAST YEAR.

7b. Communications

Betty Croly stated that there were three items of correspondence:

1. The information from the Oakland Scavenger Company that had been requested at the last meeting and sent out to all Board members.
2. A memo from Bill Fraley to the Auditor with a new draft contract for auditing services attached. No response has yet been received.
3. A report of the status of Litter Control Funds, prepared by the County Public Works Agency, was distributed.

7c. Payment of Invoices

There were no invoices to be paid.

7d. Additional Items from Board Members and Staff

There were none.

8. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM FLOOR ON MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Hal Conklin had indicated prior to the meeting that he wished to speak. He was called to speak, but did not respond.

9. ADJOURNMENT

President Dean adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Pantages
Recording Secretary pro tem

Approved: _____
William H. Fraley, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

ALAMEDA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Auditorium of the Alameda County Public Works Building
399 Elmhurst Street
Hayward, California

August 9, 1979 -- 5:30 p.m.

1. CALL-TO ORDER

Second Vice-President Dahlbacka called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>
City of Alameda	Amy Stone
City of Fremont	Yosh Fujiwara
City of Livermore	Glen Dahlbacka
City of Oakland	John Sutter
City of Piedmont	Alice Creason
City of Pleasanton	Walter Wood
Castro Valley Sanitary District	Art Vargas
Oro Lomo Sanitary District	Culver Lewis
Dublin-San Ramon Services District	Lila Euler

The presence of a quorum was established.

Staff present:

Bill Fraley, Planning Director and Secretary
Betty Croly, Assistant Planning Director
Dick Pantages, Office of Solid Waste Management

Others Present:

Pat Maroney, Brown & Caldwell

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Second Vice-President Dahlbacka, acting as President, welcomed John Sutter as the new Board member representing the City of Oakland. He also welcomed Amy Stone, the alternate member representing the City of Alameda, who is attending for Mr. Corica.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 12, 1979

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Sutter and Stone abstaining) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 12, 1979, BE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5a. Status Report on Staff Background Paper

Betty Croly reported that the Staff Background Paper that had been requested by the Authority at the last meeting had been mailed to all the City and District Managers last Friday, and, as of today, a copy should have been received by each Board member. A copy of the response from Al Marino of the State Solid Waste Management Board concerning the authority of the State over the Solid Waste Management Authority was transmitted to the cities and also distributed this evening. This response is to be considered a part of the report. (page 13) It is anticipated that each jurisdiction will have discussed Plan issues contained in the paper so that the Authority will be in a position to discuss this matter at the September 12, 1979, Board meeting. Each jurisdiction has been requested to name one staff person as liaison to the Authority Staff for the Plan revision.

It was decided that a copy of all future correspondence sent to the City and District Managers would be mailed directly to the Authority members.

5b. Plan Review Report

Pat Maroney, of Brown & Caldwell, reported that because issues had to be resolved, very little was being done on the Plan. Together with county staff, they are working on the conformance manual.

Bill Fraley indicated that the probable timing would be to resolve all the issues at the October 11, 1979, meeting. This might require more than one meeting in September.

5c. Budget for Fiscal Year 1979-80

Background information was distributed to Board members present. Bill Fraley indicated that this would have to be approved by resolution. He suggested that those who wished to vote on it at this meeting do so, and that this item be kept open until the next meeting, so that additional Board members may vote on it. Staff was instructed to send a letter to the Board members with their next agenda package advising them of the action taken at this meeting and the action needed for the next meeting on this item.

IT WAS MOVED (Vargas), SECONDED (Euler), THAT THE FINANCING FOR FISCAL YEAR 1979-80, BE APPROVED, AND THAT THE VOTING REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

AYES: Fujiwara, Dahlbacka, Creason, Wood, Vargas, Lewis, Euler
(7 votes)

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: Stone, Sutter

5d. Contract with the County Auditor for Auditing Services

Bill Fraley distributed the contract. Mr. Vargas asked if there is an additional service fee charged by the Treasurer for handling Authority funds. Staff was asked to report on this. Mr. Fraley indicated that this item also needs to be adopted by resolution, and requested that it be handled as the last item was handled. Mr. Fraley indicated that the agreement that was distributed needed the following added at the end of item 4 on page 2: "Payment shall not exceed \$750 without prior written authorization."

IT WAS MOVED (Euler), SECONDED (Creason), THAT THE CHAIRMAN BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE CONTRACT, AS AMENDED, AND THAT THE VOTING ON THIS MATTER REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

AYES: Fujiwara, Dahlbacka, Sutter, Creason, Wood, Vargas, Lewis, Euler (10 votes)

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: Stone

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. Communications

There were no communications.

6b. Payment of Invoices

Dick Pantages announced that the following invoices had been approved for payment:

1. Brown & Caldwell Invoice #7043, July 18, 1979, for \$14,121.00
2. Alameda County Office of Solid Waste Management Invoice #453-10, August 9, 1979, for \$872.61
3. Alameda County Auditor-Controller, July 9, 1979, for \$57.99
4. Edward A. Goggin, August 3, 1979, for \$50.00

Mr. Vargas asked that the Brown & Caldwell invoices in the future identify the persons whose time was being billed. He wanted staff to check the billing that was approved, especially the item for Associate Engineer. He felt that it may be excessive, especially in light of the fact that the project has been virtually halted since mid-June.

6c. Additional Items from Board Members and Staff

Bill Fraley announced that the Mayor's conference was to have been addressed by Mr. Landis on the activity on updating the Plan, but Mr. Landis was unable to attend due to illness. Bill Fraley and Betty Croly have met twice with the City Managers regarding the Plan update. They met with the Refuse Rate Review Committee today and generally discussed the interrelationship of their activities and the Authority's activities. In the future, some sort of formal liaison between the Authority and the Committee will probably be necessary.

Dick Pantages reported that all the facilities in Alameda County have been issued permits. He also advised the Board that the State Solid Waste Management Board was sponsoring a free, two-day seminar on Landfill Techniques, and anybody who is interested may get a brochure from him.

Mr. Vargas said that the Authority should consider regionalizing the Altamont Landfill as a revenue source for the rate-payers in Alameda County and the Authority. The Staff was asked to report on this.

7. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM FLOOR ON MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

Mae Rose Evans, of the Alameda Bureau of Electricity advised the Board that they should feel free to contact her for any information they need on the proposed Alameda Bureau of Electricity Refuse-to-Energy Project.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Second Vice-President Dahlbacka adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Pantages
Recording Secretary pro tem

Approved: _____
William H. Fraley, Secretary

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